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1. SUMMARY. AFTER LONG DEBATE IN WHICH 58 SPEAKERS ADDRESSED THEMSELVES TO THE REPORT OF THE SYG ON THIS SUBJECT, ON NOVEMBER 14 THIRD COMITE ADOPTED BY CONSENSUS TWO RESES. THE FIRST, SUBMITTED BY MALTA AND COSPONSORED BY US AND OTHERS, RECOMMENDED TO GOVERNMENTS A PROGRAM OF ACTION AND REQUESTED SYG TO PROMOTE INTERNATIONAL ACTION THIS FIELD AND REPORT TO ECOSOC IN 1977. SECOND RES, SUBMITTED BY UKRAINE, WAS IDENTICAL IN TEXT TO ECOSOC RES 1751(XXIV). END SUMMARY.

2. LARGE NUMBER OF SPEAKERS SPOKE ON THIS ITEM DUE PARTLY TO QUALITY OF SECT REPORT AND PARTLY TO INTEREST OF VARIOUS DELS ON FIRST SOCIAL ITEM TO BE CONSIDERED BY THIRD COMITE. EES TOOK CONSISTENT LINE THAT THEIR SOCIETIES HAD WELL STRUCTURED PLAN OF ACTION AS CONTAINED IN WELFARE STATE AND SOCIAL SECURITY SYSTEMS. AFRICANS AND ARABS STRESSED CONTINUING NEED TO MAINTAIN EXTENDED FAMILY STRUCTURE WHENEVER POSSIBLE AND THUS TO AVOID SOME OF THE

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ALIENATION THAT ACCOMPANIES THE URBANIZED INDUSTRIAL

STATE. WESTERN EUROPEANS SEEMED MORE CONCERNED ABOUT PRESENT DIMENSIONS OF PROBLEM TO WHICH THEY HOPE TO FIND INNOVATIVE SOLUTIONS THROUGH EMPLOYMENT POLICIES, SOCIAL WELFARE SCHEMES, SPECIAL PROGRAMS FOR SENIOR CITIZENS, AND REHABILITATION OF FAMILY STRUCTURE AS POSSIBLE. ASIANS AND LATIN AMERICANS DID NOT PLAY LEADING ROLE IN DEBATE. STATEMENT US REP (PICKER) AIRGRAMMED DEPT (USUN A-1548).

3. MALTESE DRAFT RES EVENTUALLY COSPONSORED BY 15 COUNTRIES, INCLUDING US, RECOMMENDED TO GOVERNMENTS VARIOUS PROGRQMS TO ENHANCE THE POSITON OF THE ELDERLY. IN ADDITION, IT REQUESTS THE SYG TO PROMOTE FURTHER INTERNATIONAL STUDIES AND RESEARCH ON THIS SUBJECT. THE SYG WAS ASKED TO SUBMIT A PROGRESS REPORT ON ACTION TAKEN UNDER THIS RES THROUGH THE COMMISSION FOR SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT AND ECOSOC TO THE 32D GA. ONCE COSPONSORS AMENDED TEXT TO ALLEVIATE CONCERN OF MOROCCO, BRAZIL, AND PHILIPPINES THAT GA NOT RECOMMEND ACTIONS SUITED ONLY TO INDUSTRIALIZED COUNTRIES, AMENDMENTS CONTAINED IN A/C.3/L.2054, L.2057, AND L.2059 WERE WITHDRAWN. A DANISH AMENDMENT CONTAINED IN A/C.3/L.2058 REQUESTING SYG TO CONSULT WITH THE REGIONAL ECONOMIC COMMISSIONS AND GOVERNMENTS IN DRAWING UP HIS REPORT WAS INRRPORATED INTO TEXT. RES ADOPTED BY CONSENSUS AFTER NETHERLANDS AND NEW ZEALAND EXPRESSED RESERVATION ON RECOMMENDATION THAT GOVERNMENTS SHOULD PROMOTE BY ALL POSSIBLE MEANS THE STRENGTHENING OF THE FAMILY UNIT.

4. UKRAINIAN DRAFT RES CONTAINED A/C.3/L.2053 WAS SAME TEXT AS ECOSOC RES 1751(LIV). WHILE GENERAL FEELING IN COMITE WAS, AS EXPRESSED BY BRAZIL, THAT ECOSOC HAS COMPLETE COMPETENCE IN THIS AREA AND THUS REINTRODUCTION OF ECOSOC RES INTO GA WAS MERE REDUNDANCY, THERE WERE NO OBJECTIONS TO SUBSTANCE OF RES. ICELAND AMENDMENTS CONTAINED A/C.3/L.2056, ON PREPARATION OF ARCHITECTURAL FACILITIES FOR AGED, WAS INCORPORATED INTO UKRAINIAN TEXT. THE AMENDED RES WAS ADOPTED BY CONSENSUS.

5. US WAS ABLE TO PLAY LOW KEY BUT POSITIVE ROLE IN CONSIDERATION THIS ITEM. MALTESE DEL APPRECIATIVE OF US UNCLASSIFIED

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COSPONSORSHIP AND FLEXIBILITY IN TACTICAL SITUATION. WHILE US POSITION ON UKRAINIAN REINTRODUCTION OF ECOSOC RES SIMILAR TO THAT OF BRAZILIANS, AND AS THERE WAS NO OBJECTION TO TEXT ON SUBSTANCE, A STATEMENT TO THAT EFFECT WOULD NOT HAVE BEEN PRODUCTIVE AND WOULD HAVE RISKED TARNISHING POSITIVE ROLE PLAYED BY US IN DELIBERATIONS ON THIS ITEM. SCALI

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